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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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1. ☒ Specification Total Pages 10
2. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) Total Pages 2
3. ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney Total Pages 2
 - a. ☐ Executed (original or copy)
 - b. ☐ Copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 14 completed)
[Note Box 4 Below]
 - i. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed statement attached deleting
inventor(s) named in the prior application,
see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
4. ☐ Incorporation By Reference (usable if Box 3b is checked)
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a
copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b, is
considered as being part of the disclosure of the
accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by
reference therein.

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

5. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documentation)
6. ☒ Letter under 37 CFR 1.41(c).
7. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
8. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
9. ☐ Amendment "A" Prior To Action
10. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)
11. ☐ Small Entity Status
12. ☐ Certified copy of Priority Document (s) German
Application No. 103 05 833.8 filed February 12, 2003
13. ☐ Other: _____

If a **CONTINUING APPLICATION**, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:

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Re: Proposed Patent Application for TORSTEN NIEDERDRÄNK, GERHARD
PFANNENMÜLLER and GOTTFRIED RÜCKERL entitled "DATA
TRANSMISSION DEVICE FOR HEARING AIDS" Attorney Docket No.
P04,0027.


S I R:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.41 (c), I am filing the attached application with specification, 11 claims, 2 sheets of drawings, an unexecuted declaration, and filing fee on behalf of TORSTEN NIEDERDRÄNK, GERHARD PFANNENMÜLLER and GOTTFRIED RÜCKERL and request that the application papers be assigned a serial number and filing date.

On behalf of the inventor(s), I hereby claim priority from German Application No. 103 05 833.8 filed February 12, 2003.

I request that the application be assigned a Serial No. and Filing Date pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).

Respectfully submitted,



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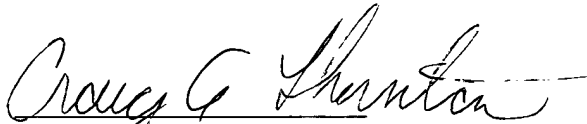
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Proposed Patent Application for TORSTEN NIEDERDRÄNK, GERHARD PFANNENMÜLLER and GOTTFRIED RÜCKERL entitled "DATA TRANSMISSION DEVICE FOR HEARING AIDS", consisting of specification, claims, abstract, 2 pgs. unexecuted declaration, Letter under Rule 37 CFR 1.41©, 2 Sheets of drawings, and Filing Fee for Attorney Docket No. P04,0027

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Craig G. Thornton", written in black ink.

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